

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GAY ANN MASOLO**, on January 18, 1999
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 312 - 1 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gay Ann Masolo, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Lawson, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Linda McCulloch, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)
Rep. Kathleen Galvin-Halcro (D)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. John L. Holden (R)
Rep. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Mark Noennig (R)
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)
Rep. Sam Rose (R)
Rep. Allan Walters (R)
Rep. Diana Wyatt (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Connie Erickson, Legislative Branch
Linda Scott, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing Dated: HB No. 236, 1/18/1999; HB No. 242, 1/18/1999
Executive Action: HB No. 125 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HEARING ON HB 236

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Joe Barnett
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 0.1 - 63}

Proponents' Testimony:

Harry Erickson, Belgrade Superintendent of Schools
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 65 - 91}

Deb Thornhill, Business Manager, Belgrade Schools
{Tape : 1; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter : 93 - 127}

Jerry Vanderpan
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 129 - 152}

Colleen Graham, M.S.B.A.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 154 - 163}

Rep. Frank Smith
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 165 - 185}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Don Waldron, M.R.E.A.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 198 - 226}
EXHIBIT(edh13a01)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 229 - 274}

Closing by Sponsor:
{Tape : 1; Side : A & B; Approx. Tape Counter : 276 - 516}

HEARING ON HB 242

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Rick Jore
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 520 - 695}
EXHIBIT(edh13a02)

EXHIBIT(edh13a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

Roger Koopman, President, Montana Trustees of Freedom
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 701 - 892}
EXHIBIT(edh13a04)

Opponents' Testimony:

Lance Melton, M.S.B.A.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 2 - 27}

Lynda Brannon, M.A.S.B.O.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 30 - 42}

Bill Cooper, O.P.I.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 44 - 84}

Loran Frazier, S.A.M.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 85 - 114}

Christine Kaufmann, M.H.R.N.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 116 - 164}

Eric Feaver, M.E.A./ M.F.T.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 166 - 181}

EXHIBIT (edh13a05)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 185 - 424}

Closing remarks by Sponsor:

{Tape : 2; Side : A & B; Approx. Tape Counter : 426 - 564}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB NO. 125

Motion: REP. KITZENBERG moved that HB NO. 125 DO PASS.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 570 - 574}

Discussion: REP. FUCHS

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 575 - 581}

Motion/Vote: REP. MCCULLOCH moved that HB 125 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: REP. MCCULLOCH moved that HB 125 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. Motion carried 17-1 with Fuchs voting no.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 585 - 586}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB NO. 21

Motion: REP. KITZENBERG moved that HB 21 BE ADOPTED.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 588 - 590}

Vote on 1st Amendment: Carried with McKenney voting no.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 596 - 598}

Discussion clarifying Amendments: Connie Erickson and Members.
(Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 591 - 748)

Vote on 2nd Amendment: Carried 11 to 7 with Holden, Rose, Rehbein, Mangan, Gillan, Wyatt, and Andersen voting no.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 751 - 797}

Discussion on the Bill:
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 799 - 810}

Proposal of Amendment by Rep. Mark Noennig
Vote on Noennig' Amendment was unanimously carried.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 811 - 813}

Discussion:
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 815 - 965}

Motion/Vote: REP. KITZENBERG moved that HB NO. 21 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion failed 4-14, with Reps. Lawson, McCullough, Andersen, Facey, Fuchs, Gillan, Galvin-Halcro, Holden, Mangan, McKenney, Noennig, Rose, Walters, and Masolo voting no.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 967 - 999}

Discussion on Tabling HB No. 21 by Connie Erickson
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 1 - 10}

Discussion by Members of the Committee
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 11 - 23}

Discussion on Tabling by Connie Erickson
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 24 - 38}

Motion/Vote: REP. LAWSON moved that HB NO. 21 BE TABLED. Motion carried 13-5 with Reps. Andersen, Kitzenberg, Lindeen, Walters, and Wyatt voting no.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 39 - 48}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB NO. 37

Motion/Vote: REP. WALTERS moved that HB NO. 37 BE TABLED. Motion carried 11-7 with Reps. McCulloch, Gillan, Galvin-Halcro, Kitzenberg, Lindeen, Mangan, and Wyatt voting no.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 54 - 142}

Discussion by Members of the Committee

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 162 - 248}

Motion: REP. MANGAN moved MOVED TO REQUEST A NEW COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED IN THE FUTURE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, WITH REP. LAWSON ABSENT.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 251 - 277}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:25 P.M.

REP. GAY ANN MASOLO, Chairman

LINDA SCOTT, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (edh13aad)